

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A laser-markable transparent or translucent plastic composition, which comprises: a transparent or translucent plastic and a laser absorbing pigment mixture, said mixture consisting of a pearlescent pigment in combination with a laser-sensitive pigment, wherein the pearlescent pigment comprises a phyllosilicate substrate having one or more layers of metal oxide thereon, and wherein the laser-sensitive pigment is composed of mica coated with one or more metal oxides, the nature and thickness of the coating(s) on the mica being such that no pearlescent effect occurs from the laser-sensitive pigment.
2. **(Currently Amended)** A laser-markable plastic composition according to Claim 1, which comprises from 0.1 to 2% by weight of pearlescent pigment and from 0.1 to 1.0% by weight of laser-sensitive pigment, based on the weight of the plastic.
3. **(Currently Amended)** A laser-markable plastic composition according to Claim 1, wherein the plastic is polyethylene, polypropylene, polyethylene terephthalate, polycarbonate or PVC.
4. **(Canceled)**
5. **(Canceled)**
6. **(Currently Amended)** A laser-markable plastic composition according to Claim 1, wherein the laser-sensitive pigment is coated with TiO₂, Sn/Sb mixed oxide or Sn/In mixed

oxide.

7. **(Currently Amended)** Process for preparing a laser-markable plastic composition according to Claim 1, which comprises mixing thermoplastic pellets of the plastic with the pearlescent pigment and the laser-sensitive pigment, and then shaping the mixture with exposure to heat.
8. **(Currently Amended)** A method for producing a ~~moulding~~ molding which is markable with the aid of laser radiation, which comprises molding a laser-markable plastic composition of Claim 1.
9. **(Currently Amended)** A molding composed of a laser-markable plastic composition according to Claim 1.
10. **(Currently Amended)** A method comprising scanner reading a laser-marking on a plastic, wherein the plastic is a laser-markable plastic composition of Claim 1.
11. **(Currently Amended)** A laser-markable plastic composition according to Claim 1, wherein the pearlescent pigment is TiO₂-coated mica, Fe₂O₃-coated mica or TiO₂-coated and Fe₂O₃-coated mica.
12. **(Currently Amended)** A laser-markable plastic composition according to Claim 1, wherein the only pigments in said plastic composition are the pearlescent pigment and the laser-sensitive pigment.
13. **(Canceled)**

14. (New) A laser-markable plastic composition according to Claim 1, wherein the phyllosilicate substrate of the pearlescent pigment is selected from mica, synthetic mica, talc, sericite, kaolin or glass.
15. (New) A laser-markable plastic composition according to Claim 1, wherein the pearlescent pigment contains one or more layers of the following metal oxides: TiO_2 , Fe_2O_3 , Fe_3O_4 , SnO_2 , Cr_2O_3 , ZnO , CuO , or NiO , or mixtures thereof.